

Palm Beach County Library System

LONG-RANGE PLAN

FY 1999-2001



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Introduction

The purpose of the Palm Beach County Library System's Long-Range Plan is to provide strategic guidance for the delivery of library services over the next three years. It outlines a vision of outstanding library service for residents of the Palm Beach County Taxing District.

This plan reflects the dynamic changes occurring both in our community and in the information environment. Our maturing community is much more complex and diverse than it was a decade ago. The information environment is also evolving rapidly, with more materials and information available online or in alternative formats.

We are clearly in a period of transition toward meeting the challenges of technology and continuing population growth. While continuing to meet the needs of those who seek traditional services in traditional formats, the Library also recognizes the demand for new technology. Our challenge is to respond as rapidly as possible to new information technology to provide ever-increasing value to our patrons, while striving toward national benchmarks for holdings and service.

While continuing to respond to the increasing demand of a growing population of library users, in FY 97 we completed the new and expanded facilities funded by a special tax levy for capitol projects. The challenge is to maximize the effectiveness of current facilities while seeking the means for future facilities growth.

With an eye to customer needs, this plan outlines service - both traditional and new. The aim of this Library System will continue to be to fulfill our mission "to continually improve our service to the public." The mix of formats and services will be determined by customer needs, cost and value received, and availability of funding.

This plan is only a beginning. To make it happen, the Library will need critical support and active collaboration. Continuous improvement in services must be based on continuous consultation with all library stakeholders: citizens at large, Library Taxing District residents, library users, Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Library, Board of County Commissioners, library staff, and all others who value the information, knowledge, and wisdom that libraries can provide.

Basic Information about the Library

STRUCTURE

The Palm Beach County Library System (PBCLS) operates as a department of county government. The Board of County Commissioners is the Library's governing body, and the Library Advisory Board represents the Library to the County Commission in matters pertaining to library service.

LIBRARY TAXING DISTRICT

History: The Palm Beach County Library Taxing District was established by the passage of a Special Act of the Florida Legislature in 1967. This Act allowed the Board of County Commissioners to establish a library system and a dependent taxing district to support it. The taxing district was to be made up of all areas of Palm Beach County not taxed by a municipality for library services.

Current Status: The taxing district consists of the unincorporated area of Palm Beach County plus 22 cities that do not tax themselves for library purposes. The Library serves over 400,000 cardholders, or 66 percent of the population. Reciprocal borrowing is provided to residents of West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, Lake Park, Delray Beach, Riviera Beach, Lake Worth and Palm Springs through membership in the Library Cooperative of the Palm Beaches. Others may borrow materials from the Library upon payment of an annual non-resident fee of \$30.

Future: Census figures reflect the following population growth in the Library Taxing District:

1970	141,100
1980	293,486
1990	534,578

The Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, estimates the population of the Library Taxing District will approach one million people in 2015. Much of the county's past growth has occurred within the area served by the Library System. This trend is expected to continue and will decidedly shape the future of our Library System.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE SERVICE AREA

From 1980 to 1990, the Library Taxing District population grew by 82 percent, while that of the entire county grew by 45 percent; therefore, the Taxing District is growing at a rate of almost double that of the county as a whole. Compared to the national average, Palm Beach County's population is 14 percent higher in the working age class, and 12 percent higher in the 65+ class. We also exceed the national average in high school and college graduates (3.8 percent and 9 percent above, respectively.) The highest percentage of our labor force is in professional and related groups (28 percent), followed by government (11.5 percent), and construction (10.8 percent.)

Palm Beach County has an average per capita income much greater than the national average, although many areas with the highest per capita income are not within the Taxing District. The individual poverty level is 3.5 percent higher than the national average, which supports the conclusion that there is a great disparity in income levels in the county.

The population of those who speak a language other than English grew by 152 percent between 1980 and 1990. The foreign-born population grew by 82 percent over the same period.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

The Library System serves an area comparable in size to the state of Delaware with a 1998 population of 657,024. Service is provided through the Main Library, two regional libraries, eleven neighborhood branches, and a logistical support center. Outreach services include a bookmobile, Talking Books, Books-by-Mail, Adult Literacy Tutoring, and Outreach to Day Care programs. In Fiscal Year 1997, we circulated over 4.6 million items and answered more than 1.1 million reference questions.

COLLECTION

The library provides access to holdings of 1,009,377 items and offers expanding access to electronic information. Further access to both hard copy and electronic information is provided by participation in regional, state and national networks which allow reciprocal access to resources of all member libraries. Although the materials collection has grown substantially to stock new branches, the developing population of the taxing district has impeded the Library's efforts to increase holdings per capita. Holdings of 1.57 items per capita compare to a national average of 2.8 items per capita.

STAFF

The FY 1997 staffing complement consisted of 338 FTE (full-time equivalent) employees. This number includes -

78.5 Librarians
259.5 Support staff including student on-call staff

The Library has not met staffing goals set in the Library Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan. The difference between actual FTEs and the Comp Plan was -

11.45 Librarians
63.9 Support staff
75.35 Total employees

FACILITIES

Through 1997, facility expansions were addressed by the Library Expansion Program. Phase one of this program was approved by voters in 1986. A two year, ad valorem tax of one half mill provided over \$20 million for twelve new and expanded facilities. With phase one completed in 1997, the system now encompasses 220,580 square feet of library facilities, which equates to 0.34 square feet of library facilities per capita. While this is a marked improvement over the 0.22 square feet of library facilities per capita of 1989, the Taxing District remains far from the nationally accepted level of 0.60 square feet of library facilities per capita. A second phase of expansion will be needed to alleviate the shortfall between existing space and growing public demand.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Library's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 is \$20,658,822. As in the past, we are continuing to seek alternative revenue sources to supplement ad valorem funding.

For example:

- An estimated \$1.2 million in Impact Fees will be used to expand the West Boynton Branch
- Florinet Grants, in the amount of \$92,500, and a Gates Foundation grant, in the amount of \$19,900, have enabled the purchase of computer and telecommunication equipment to expand online services in our Glades Branches, network all library locations and provide graphical access
- The establishment of the Library Cooperative of the Palm Beaches, consisting of eight member libraries, including this Library, increased the amount of State Aid awarded to the County by \$.5 million in FY 98

Executive Summary

The following Mission Statement, endorsed by the Advisory Board in January 1994, embraces the Library's four major programs of service, which are -

- Circulation
- Reference
- Children's Programming
- Community Enrichment

This Mission Statement is the heart of our Long-Range Plan. Each of the four major programs of service comprises a mission/goal in the Long-Range Plan, with objectives, strategies, and tasks.

The Plan sets guidelines for accomplishing our mission, and it communicates our commitment to provide excellence in library service. This Plan was developed by Library staff with input from the State Library, the Library Advisory Board, County Administration, and Library users.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Palm Beach County Library System is to continually improve our service to the public by:

- ❖ Providing the public with free access to library materials in a variety of formats.
- ❖ Helping people of all ages find information which meets their diverse personal, educational, and professional needs.
- ❖ Encouraging children, the future leaders of our community, to develop a love of reading, learning, and libraries.
- ❖ Promoting community enrichment, economic vitality and individual achievement through reading and life-long learning.

To accomplish this Mission the Library:

• Recognizes our responsibility to balance available resources to serve everyone in the community; • provides leadership in cooperative and innovative library service; • evaluates community needs and invites public input; • is staffed with friendly, dedicated, and professional people to assist the public; • acquires, organizes, and maintains a collection of books, materials, and information technology to serve the community's diverse needs; • maintains appropriate facilities with convenient locations and hours to meet community needs; and • joins with local, national, and international libraries and organizations through electronic networks to increase public access to information.

The staff of the Palm Beach County Library System is committed to pursuing its mission in a responsible and cost-effective manner.

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Missions/Goals

MISSION/GOAL 1: CIRCULATION

- Providing the public with free access to library materials in a variety of formats.

MISSION/GOAL 2: REFERENCE

- Helping people of all ages find information which meets their diverse personal, educational, and professional needs.

MISSION/GOAL 3: CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

- Encouraging children, the future leaders of our community, to develop a love of reading, learning, and libraries.

MISSION/GOAL 4: COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

- Promoting community enrichment, economic vitality and individual achievement through reading and life-long learning.

Mission/Goal: Providing the public with free access to library materials in a variety of formats.

Program: Circulation

Objective 1.1 Increase total circulation by 2%

Strategy 1.1.1 Improve patron access to the collection

Strategy 1.1.2 Promote use of non-high demand portions of the collection by providing displays and system bibliographies

Strategy 1.1.3 Allocate an annual circulation goal for each public service location

Strategy 1.1.4 Increase circulation of the Spanish language collection at the Main Library by 5%

Objective 1.2 Maintain library services to underserved groups with a minimum Talking Books circulation of 90,000, and a minimum of 800 Books-by-Mail patrons, and a minimum of 23 bookmobile stops

Strategy 1.2.1 Maintain the quality of bookmobile service to a minimum of 23 scheduled stops, reaching seniors, children, and adults who live remote and are unable to visit a branch; and for Books-by-Mail to maintain quality of service to a minimum of 800 patrons

Strategy 1.2.2 Maintain Talking Books services to the blind with a minimum of 90,000 annual circulation

Objective 1.3 Increase total cardholders by 3%

Strategy 1.3.1 Provide off-site library card registration at six events

Strategy 1.3.2 Hold registration drive at four elementary schools in Library Taxing District

Strategy 1.3.3 Sponsor county employee library card registration drive through County Line

Objective 1.4 Maintain the collection at 1.65 holdings per capita

Strategy 1.4.1 Maintain cataloged materials output at projected FY 98 levels

Strategy 1.4.2 Continue evaluating the audio books leasing plan at participating locations

Strategy 1.4.3 Expand audiovisual collections in all library locations by 5%

Strategy 1.4.4 Research and implement new Price Agreements for audiovisual materials

Strategy 1.4.5 Identify and evaluate areas of the collection that need to be updated

Objective 1.5 Continue to improve the efficiency of the circulation function by an ongoing evaluation and incorporation of new technology

Strategy 1.5.1 Continue implementing conversion of items with OCR numbers to barcode numbers

Strategy 1.5.2 Replace OCR readers with laser scanners at sites meeting conversion percentage criteria

Strategy 1.5.3 Investigate options for patron self-service in charging, renewing and requesting materials

Objective 1.6 Implement and evaluate hands-on OPAC training sessions at six public service locations

Strategy 1.6.1 Design and implement training sessions at six library locations

Strategy 1.6.2 Design a training evaluation process for exigent patron input

Strategy 1.6.3 Consider implementation for system-wide use

Mission/Goal: Helping people of all ages find information which meets their diverse personal, educational, and professional needs.

Program: Reference and Information

Objective 2.1 Increase reference transactions by 2%

- Strategy 2.1.1 Present reference statistic reporting system training program to new reference service providers
- Strategy 2.1.2 Evaluate reference service at West Atlantic Avenue and Royal Palm Beach branches to determine scope of collection
- Strategy 2.1.3 Provide reference resource training to staff to better utilize new and existing reference materials
- Strategy 2.1.4 Schedule reference service providers for job exchanges with Palm Beach County Cooperative Libraries to observe different methods of providing quality service to patrons
- Strategy 2.1.5 Investigate the feasibility of providing e-mail reference service and, if feasible, develop system-wide policy and procedures

Objective 2.2 Increase research and information delivery services to county, municipal and regional government users by 2%

- Strategy 2.2.1 Implement monthly and annual Government Information Research Website usage reporting system to monitor level of online services to clients
- Strategy 2.2.2 Promote Government Information Services research and online services through mailings, informational handouts and personal contacts

Objective 2.3 Continue access to reference materials and magazine articles using computer technology by maintaining current funding levels for these materials

- Strategy 2.3.1 Evaluate current CD Rom titles and determine if new or replacement titles are needed
- Strategy 2.3.2 Evaluate current online titles and determine if new or replacement titles are needed

Strategy 2.3.3 Evaluate current printing procedures and vendor services for computer based services

Objective 2.4 Establish and promote a Children's Learning Center at the Belle Glade Branch

Strategy 2.4.1 Hire a reference librarian

Strategy 2.4.2 Implement guidelines, procedures, and training for the use of the Center

Strategy 2.4.3 Work with the system Volunteer Coordinator to establish an afterschool tutoring program

Strategy 2.4.4 Promote the Center to the community

Mission/Goal: Encouraging children, the future leaders of our community, to develop a love of reading, learning , and libraries.

Program: Children's Programs

Objective 3.1 Provide children's program attendance at 25% of population, compared to 18% nationally

Strategy 3.1.1 Allocate annual program and attendance goals for each public service location

Strategy 3.1.2 Publicize monthly children's programs

Strategy 3.1.3 All library locations will participate in the Summer Reading Program

Strategy 3.1.4 Create a database for story collection materials

Objective 3.2 Create new library story hours to be televised on channel 20 with a potential of reaching more than 350,000 households

Strategy 3.2.1 Produce Story Time episodes with the assistance of staff at Channel 20

Strategy 3.2.2 Advertise library Story Times televised on Channel 20

Objective 3.3 Maintain parent/child workshops at 8 locations

Strategy 3.3.1 Plan informational workshops for caregivers of children ages 18 months-3 years

Objective 3.4 Provide 25 workshops to introduce day care providers and parents to Story Times and the importance of sharing books.

Strategy 3.4.1 Publicize Library's workshops

Strategy 3.4.2 Implement the use of Outreach Story Time Kits

Objective 3.5 Present Story Times to 8,000 children at day care facilities to foster young children's language development and reading readiness skills

Strategy 3.5.1 Plan and prepare Story Time programs

Strategy 3.5.2 Visit day care centers and present Story Times

Mission/Goal: Promoting community enrichment, economic vitality and individual achievement through reading and life-long learning.

Program: Community Enrichment

Objective 4.1 Maintain public access to database networks of community, national and international information at 14 library facilities

Strategy 4.1.1 Train the public in using electronic databases

Strategy 4.1.2 Maintain INFORM, a database of community organizations and clubs

Strategy 4.1.3 Maintain the World Wide Web HomePage for the Library

Objective 4.2 Increase Internet training and demonstration sessions for the public by 20%

Strategy 4.2.1 Implement 108 Internet/Free-Net instruction programs

Strategy 4.2.2 Create and implement an Advanced Internet training session for the public

Objective 4.3 Continue to support and enhance access to electronic resources by remote users

Strategy 4.3.1 Maintain public access to text-based online services available from home or office

Strategy 4.3.2 Implement and maintain graphical access to online services for those remote users who have computers equipped with a web browser and access to the Internet

Strategy 4.3.3 Continue to monitor statistical collection methods to ensure that all access routes are included

Objective 4.4 Provide family literacy services to mothers of newborns

Strategy 4.4.1 Translate more materials into Spanish and begin to explore the possibility of translating some materials into Creole

Strategy 4.4.1 Distribute Babies Love Books packets to the mothers of newborns at the hospital(s) in the Glades

Objective 4.5 Maintain literacy tutoring services to 170 English-speaking adult students who function at fifth grade level or below

Strategy 4.5.1 Maintain quality of service by providing one-to-one instruction in basic reading and writing skills for 170 adult students working with volunteers trained in the Laubach method

Strategy 4.5.2 Maintain service delivery by offering four tutor, in-service workshops and four student events

Objective 4.6 Expand information services to the business community by 2%

Strategy 4.6.1 Provide information to the business community through eight in-house library programs or tours for specific groups

Strategy 4.6.2 Provide information to the business community through preparation and updating of seven business promotional resources

Strategy 4.6.3 Provide outreach to fifteen business organizations, investment groups, or governmental business organizations, through mailings, personal contacts, and other activities

Strategy 4.6.4 Provide business information services to individual members of the public through at least sixteen walk-in and scheduled appointments

Objective 4.7 Promote community enrichment, individual achievement, and life-long learning by providing quality adult programming

Strategy 4.7.1 Develop a series of general interest adult programs for the Library System

Strategy 4.7.2 Allocate annual program and attendance goals for library locations

Strategy 4.7.3 Investigate external funding sources

Strategy 4.7.4 Schedule, present, and evaluate adult programs

Mission/Goal: *Providing the public with free access to library materials in a variety of formats.*

Program: *Circulation*

- Objective 1.1** Increase total circulation by 2%
- Objective 1.2** Expand library service to underserved groups by increasing Talking Books circulation by 3%, and Books-by-Mail circulation by 5%. Open a new Talking Book reading room with assistive devices, and maintain a minimum of 25 Bookmobile stops
- Objective 1.3** Increase total cardholders by 3%
- Objective 1.4** Maintain the collection at 1.65 holdings per capita
- Objective 1.5** Continue to improve the efficiency of the circulation function by an ongoing evaluation and incorporation of new technology
- Objective 1.6** Implement and evaluate hands-on OPAC training sessions at eight remaining public service locations

Mission/Goal: Helping people of all ages find information which meets their diverse personal, educational, and professional needs.

Program: Reference and Information

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| Objective 2.1 | Increase reference transactions by 2% |
| Objective 2.2 | Increase Local Documents Collection holdings by 10% to enhance the availability of municipal, county, and regional resources |
| Objective 2.3 | Investigate and procure new information sources using computer innovations and new technology |
| Objective 2.4 | Evaluate the Children's Learning Center at the Belle Glade Branch |

Mission/Goal: Encouraging children, the future leaders of our community, to develop a love of reading, learning , and libraries.

Program: Children's Programs

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| Objective 3.1 | Provide children's program that attracts attendance above national standard |
| Objective 3.2 | Maintain Parent/Child workshops at eight locations |
| Objective 3.3 | Provide 25 workshops to introduce parents and day care providers to Story Times and the importance of sharing books |
| Objective 3.4 | Present Story Times to 8,000 children at day care facilities to foster young children's language development and reading readiness skills |
| Objective 3.5 | Maintain and enhance Youth Pages of Library Website |
| Objective 3.6 | Initiate Prime Time Program |

Mission/Goal: *Promoting community enrichment, economic vitality and individual achievement through reading and life-long learning.*

Program: *Community Enrichment*

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| Objective 4.1 | Increase and enhance public access to database networks of community, national and international information at 15 library facilities |
| Objective 4.2 | Provide Internet training programs for the public |
| Objective 4.3 | Continue to support and enhance access to electronic resources by remote users |
| Objective 4.4 | Provide Family Literacy services to mothers of newborns |
| Objective 4.5 | Increase by 3% literacy tutoring services to 175 English-speaking adult students who function at fifth grade level or below |
| Objective 4.6 | Expand information services to the business community by 2% |
| Objective 4.7 | Maintain number of general interest adult programs and maintain attendance at general interest adult programs |
| Objective 4.8 | Identify and provide one new library service to migrant and seasonal farm workers |

Mission/Goal: Providing the public with free access to library materials in a variety of formats.

Program: Circulation

- Objective 1.1 Increase total circulation by 2%**
- Objective 1.2 Expand library service to underserved groups by increasing Talking Books circulation by 5%; Books-by-Mail circulation by 2%, and maintain a minimum of 25 Bookmobile stops**
- Objective 1.3 Increase total cardholders by 3%**
- Objective 1.4 Maintain the collection at 1.65 holdings per capita**
- Objective 1.5 Continue to improve the efficiency of the circulation function by an ongoing evaluation and incorporation of new technology**
- Objective 1.6 Maintain and evaluate hands-on OPAC training sessions at all fourteen public service locations, training 1,400 patrons**

Mission/Goal: *Helping people of all ages find information which meets their diverse personal, educational, and professional needs.*

Program: *Reference and Information*

Objective 2.1 Increase reference transactions by 2%

Objective 2.2 Investigate and provide online locator services through the Government Information Service Research Website to enhance remote access resources for county, municipal and regional governments

Objective 2.3 Evaluate and add Internet and Web based reference services and new information sources using new computer technology

Objective 2.4 Continue the Children's Learning center at the Belle Glade Branch

Mission/Goal: *Encouraging children, the future leaders of our community, to develop a love of reading, learning , and libraries.*

Program: *Children's Programs*

- Objective 3.1** **Provide children's program that attracts attendance above national standard**
- Objective 3.2** **Maintain Parent/Child workshops at eight locations**
- Objective 3.3** **Provide 25 workshops to introduce parents and day care providers to Story Times and the importance of sharing books**
- Objective 3.4** **Present Story Times to 8,000 children at day care facilities to foster young children's language development and reading readiness skills**
- Objective 3.5** **Maintain and enhance Youth Pages of Library Website**
- Objective 3.6** **Enhance Professional Storytelling resources for Youth Service staff**

Mission/Goal: *Promoting community enrichment, economic vitality and individual achievement through reading and life-long learning.*

Program: *Community Enrichment*

- Objective 4.1** **Maintain public access to database networks of community, national and international information at 15 library facilities**
- Objective 4.2** **Provide Internet training programs for the public**
- Objective 4.3** **Continue to support and enhance access to electronic resources by remote users**
- Objective 4.4** **Provide Family Literacy services to mothers of newborns**
- Objective 4.5** **Increase by 3% literacy tutoring services to 180 English-speaking students who function at fifth grade level or below**
- Objective 4.6** **Expand information services to the business community by 2%**
- Objective 4.7** **Maintain number of general interest adult programs and maintain attendance at general interest adult programs**
- Objective 4.8** **Continue to provide at least one new library service to migrant and seasonal farm workers**

A P P E N D I C E S

CHAPTER 67-1869

House Bill No. 2366

AN ACT authorizing the board of county commissioners of Palm Beach County to establish, operate, and maintain a free public library; providing for the organization and operation of a free public library; providing for an advisory library board; providing that the board of county commissioners may enter contracts pertaining to library services; providing that

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the board of county commissioners may levy an annual tax; providing for a county library fund; providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Intent. The board of county commissioners of Palm Beach County is authorized to establish, operate and maintain a free public library or to provide for contractual library services for the benefit and use of the residents of Palm Beach County, who are taxed for such library or library service.

Section 2. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless some other meaning is clearly indicated:

(1) "Advisory board" shall refer to a board of citizens, which shall represent the board of county commissioners in matters pertaining to county free public libraries or free public library service. This shall include but not be limited to matters of policy, employment and head librarian and budgeting.

(2) "Commission" shall mean the board of county commissioners of Palm Beach County.

(3) "Contractual library service" shall refer to the library service provided by the county to its residents by means of a contractual arrangement.

(4) "Minimum library service" shall mean the minimal level of service which the advisory board shall decide represents a bona fide effort on the part of the individual governmental jurisdiction to provide an adequate library service.

Section 3. Organization for administration of a free public library. The responsibility for operating and maintaining a free public library shall be delegated to a head librarian, qualified according to standards established by the advisory board.

Section 4. Advisory library board.

(1) The commission shall appoint a citizens advisory board to represent them in administering the free public library service. The board shall select the head librarian, and make policy

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and budget decisions subject to the approval of the board of county commissioners.

The commission shall appoint the advisory board to consist of fifteen (15) citizens of the county, and establish qualifications and terms for membership. The advisory board shall serve without pay, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses.

Section 5. Operating rules and procedures. The advisory board of the county may establish such rules, regulations and procedures as are deemed necessary for the operation of the library system; provided, however, that no such rule, regulation or procedure shall conflict with any law, statute or regulation established by the Legislature of this State or the commission of the county.

Section 6. Budgets; reports. Budgets and reports shall be prepared and filed by the librarian in accordance with instructions and regulations of the commission, but in no case shall the budget be filed later than July 1 of each year or the annual report later than January 1 for the preceding fiscal year.

Section 7. Contractual library service. In carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the commission may either provide for the maintenance and operation of a free public library in the county, or may provide free public library service to the citizens of the county by entering into a contract therefor with any municipality or municipalities, or both, in this county.

Section 8. Title of library to be in county. The title and ownership of all land, buildings, facilities, equipment and books constructed or acquired by or on behalf of the county free library shall be in the county.

Section 9. Gifts and bequests. The commission is authorized to receive on behalf of the county any gift, bequest or devise for the county free public library or for use in the county contractual library service. Any moneys so received shall be deposited to the county library fund, to be used only for library purposes.

Section 10. Taxation and contracts.

(1) When the commission shall have determined under the provisions of this chapter to establish, operate and maintain a free library or provide contractual library services, said com-

mission shall levy an annual tax, in the same manner and at the same time as other county taxes are levied upon all taxable property within the county not already taxed for library purposes by a municipality.

(2) Any municipality owning or operating a public library may enter into a contract with the county to furnish or receive any library service upon terms to be agreed upon by the commission on behalf of the county and the government of the municipality.

Section 11. County library fund.

(1) All funds of the county free library or contractual library service, whether derived from taxation or otherwise, shall constitute a separate fund to be known as the county library fund, and shall be expended only for library purposes. The expenses incurred by the free library or library service shall be paid by warrants drawn by the commission, payable out of the county library fund. At the end of each fiscal year, all moneys unexpended in the county library fund shall be appropriated as part of this fund for the subsequent fiscal year.

(2) The county shall not make expenditures or incur indebtedness in any year in excess of the amount available for library purposes, except in the form of bonds for library construction or land acquisition purposes.

Section 12. Liberal construction. The provision of this chapter shall be liberally construed in order to carry out effectively the purposes of this act.

Section 13. It is declared to be the legislative intent that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this chapter is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected.

Section 14. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 15. This act shall take effect on October 1, 1967.

Became a law without the Governor's approval.

Filed in Office Secretary of State August 4, 1967.

PALM BEACH COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

LIBRARY TAXING DISTRICT

The Palm Beach County Library Taxing District consists of the county's unincorporated area and the following municipalities:

Atlantis
Belle Glade
Briny Breezes
Cloud Lake
Glen Ridge
Greenacres
Haverhill
Hypoluxo
Juno Beach
Jupiter
Jupiter Inlet Colony
Lake Clarke Shores
Mangonia Park
Ocean Ridge
Pahokee
Palm Beach Gardens
Palm Beach Shores
Royal Palm Beach
South Bay
South Palm Beach
Tequesta
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Demographics of the Service Area

Community Characteristics: Palm Beach County 1980, 1990, and National 1990

	<u>PBC</u> <u>1980</u>	<u>PBC</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>Natl.</u> <u>1990</u>
<i><u>I. Information on Individuals</u></i>			
Under 5 years of age	5.2	5.3	7.3
5 to 17 years of age	18.8	14.5	22.9
17 to 65 years of age	52.7	56	42.1
Over 65 years of age	23.3	24.2	11.9
Per capita income	\$8,903	\$26,798	\$18,696
Below poverty level	10.1	16.6	13.1
High school graduates	70.7	78.8	75
College graduates	11.8	22.1	13.1
Total population	576,863	863,518	248 million

II. Families and Households

Total households	234,339	365,558	91.9 million
Average number of persons	2.42	2.31	2.63
Total number of families	165,847	244,633	65 million
Non-family households	68,492	147,920	
One-person households	57,903	99,579	
Median family income	\$19,817	\$38,539	\$35,225
Below poverty level	6.7	6.2	10

III. Racial, Language, Ethnic Groups

White	84.8%
Black	12.5
Asian	1.0
Hispanic	7.7

Mexican: 11,305. Cuban: 9,286. Puerto Rican: 7,365. Other: 12,127.

Hispanic by race: White: 30,426. Black: 1,309. Indian: 101. Asian 173.

Other: 8,074.

*Source: 1990 Census - Library Taxing District.

Foreign-born population:

1980: 58,007 1990: 105,303

Speak language other than English:

1980: 49,133 1990: 124,015

Spanish (bilingual)	58,588
Spanish (primary)	26,643
Asian dialects	4,870
Haitian dialects	8,000*
Other	25,914

*Source: Haitian-American Community Center, 1992.

Palm Beach County Library System

Locations and Hours.

- 1 MAIN LIBRARY**
 3650 Summit Blvd., W. Palm Bch, 33406
 Phone: 233-2600 (W. P.B.)
 930-5115 (So. County)
 930-5115 (Glades)
 233-2628 (TDD)
 FAX: 233-2627 (Reference)
 Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 10 am - 9 pm
 Fri. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
 Sun., 1 pm - 5 pm
- 2 BELLE GLADE BRANCH**
 530 S. Main Street, Belle Glade, 33430
 Phone: 996-3453
 FAX: 996-2304
 Hours: Mon. - Wed., 10 am - 8 pm
 Thurs. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
- 3 CLARENCE E. ANTHONY BRANCH**
 375 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, 33493
 Phone: 992-8393
 FAX: 996-5925
 Hours: Mon. & Wed., 10 am - 8 pm
 Tues., Thurs., & Fri., 10 am - 5 pm
 Sat., 10 am - 12 & 1 pm - 5 pm
- 4 GREENACRES BRANCH**
 3750 Jog Road, Greenacres, 33467
 Phone: 641-9100
 FAX: 642-0823
 Hours: Mon. - Wed., 10 am - 8 pm
 Thurs. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
- 5 JUPITER BRANCH**
 705 Military Trail, Jupiter, 33458
 Phone: 744-2301
 FAX: 744-6297
 Hours: Mon. - Wed., 10 am - 8 pm
 Thurs. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
- 6 LOULA V. YORK BRANCH**
 525 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee, 33476
 Phone: 924-5928
 FAX: 924-2271
 Hours: Mon. - Tues., 10 am - 8 pm
 Wed. - Fri., 10 am - 5 pm
 Sat., 10 am - 12 & 1 pm - 5 pm
- 7 NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL**
 11303 Campus Dr., Palm Beach Gdns., 33410
 Phone: 626-6133
 FAX: 626-9864
 Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 10 am - 9 pm
 Fri. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
 Sun. 1 pm - 5 pm
- 8 OKEECHOBEE BLVD. BRANCH**
 5689 Okeechobee Blvd.,
 West Palm Beach, 33417
 Phone: 233-1880
 FAX: 233-1889 (Reference)
 Hours: Mon. - Wed., 10 am - 8 pm
 Thurs. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
- 9 ROYAL PALM BEACH BRANCH**
 500 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, 33411
 Phone: 790-6030
 FAX: 790-6037
 Hours: Mon., 10 am - 5 pm
 Tues. - Thurs., 10 am - 8 pm
 Fri. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
- 10 SOUTHWEST COUNTY REGIONAL**
 20701 95th Avenue South, Boca Raton, 33434
 Phone: 482-4554
 FAX: 483-9679
 Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 10 am - 9 pm
 Fri. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
 Sun., 1 pm - 5 pm
- 11 TEQUESTA BRANCH**
 461 Old Dixie Highway North, Tequesta, 33469
 Phone: 746-5970
 FAX: 744-7251
 Hours: Mon. - Wed., 10 am - 8 pm
 Thurs. - Fri., 10 am - 5 pm
 Sat., 10 am - 12 & 1 pm - 5 pm
- 12 WELLINGTON BRANCH**
 1951 Royal Fern Drive, Wellington 33414
 Phone: 790-6070
 FAX: 790-6078
 Hours: Mon. - Wed., 10 am - 8 pm
 Thurs. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
- 13 WEST ATLANTIC AVE. BRANCH**
 7777 West Atlantic Ave., Delray Bch, 33446
 Phone: 498-3110
 FAX: 498-7739
 Hours: Mon. - Wed., 9 am - 6 pm
 Thurs. - Sat., 9 am - 5 pm
- 14 WEST BOYNTON BRANCH**
 9451 Jog Road, Boynton Beach 33437
 Phone: 734-5556
 FAX: 734-5392
 Hours: Mon., 10 am - 5 pm
 Tues. - Thurs., 10 am - 8 pm
 Fri. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
- 15 LIBRARY ANNEX**
 7950 Central Industrial Dr.,
 Riviera Beach, 33404
 Phone: 845-4600 (W.P.B.)
 265-0299 (So. County)
 996-9644 (Glades)
 FAX: 845-4640
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